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modified in accordance with a revision made to the standard, such as IEEE1212r, or other format.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 4, 5, 11, and 15 with the following amended claims:

- 4. (As Amended) IEEE1394 equipment which works together with an identification number managing apparatus in accordance with any one of Claims 1 or 2, characterized in comprising means of processing said identification number as said identifier which can be included in said configuration ROM.
- 5. (As Amended) An identification number managing system, characterized in comprising:
- the identification number managing apparatus in accordance with any one of Claims 1 or 2; and
- IEEE1394 equipment.
- 11. (As Amended) A program which makes a computer function as all or a part of memory means of saving an identification number which is processed as a common identifier in a plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment which can operate independently of each other in an identification number managing apparatus in accordance with any one of Claims 1 or 2 all or a part of communications means of forwarding said identification number to said plurality pieces of IEEE equipment, and all or a part of means of processing said identification number as said identifier which can be included in said configuration ROM in IEEE1394 equipment in an identification number managing system.
- 15. (As Amended) A medium which can be processed by a computer and holds a program which makes a computer function as all or a part of memory means, which saves an identification number which is processed as a common identifier in a plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment which can operate independently of each other in an identification number managing apparatus in accordance with any one of Claims 1 or 2 in an identification number managing

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- 7 system all or a part of communications means which forwards said identification
- 8 number to said plurality pieces of IEEE equipment, and all or a part of means of
- 9 processing said identification number as said identifier which can be included in
- said configuration ROM in IEEE1394 equipment.

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